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POLAND: Another Demonstration Planned

The regime probably will try to prevent the demonstration in Warsaw called for by Solidarity activists.

Solidarity spokesmen called for supporters to commemorate Poland's historic Constitution Day in Warsaw today. [REDACTED] estimates that 15,000 people, mostly young, participated in the demonstrations on Saturday against official May Day celebrations in Warsaw. Smaller demonstrations occurred in other cities. [REDACTED]

Violence was averted on Saturday, partly because the crowds were intimidated by a large contingent of police and partly because both sides acted with relative restraint. Poland's Military Council warned yesterday, however, that it will firmly counteract violations of martial law with summary trials. Premier Jaruzelski recently told Archbishop Glemp that martial law might be in force for a long time and that further relaxation would come only if the people showed less hostility. [REDACTED]

Solidarity's clandestine radio was interrupted by the regime on Friday after about a five-minute broadcast, but Solidarity activists have promised another today and said that a weekly information program will begin next Sunday. [REDACTED]

Comment: The demonstrations will lift the morale of opponents of martial law, and the abolition of the curfew and the reduction of other restrictions will facilitate their activity. Nevertheless, they are aware of the rigidity of the regime and the difficulty in achieving their demands. [REDACTED]

The antiregime marches will strengthen the resolve of the government to repress opposition because the authorities probably believe that demonstrations only encourage increased resistance. [REDACTED]

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